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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Divisional Patent
Application of 09/166,901

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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF AND SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present application is a divisional of the Patent
Application No. 09/166,901 filed October 6, 1998. Prior to an
initial examination of the above-identified patent application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 11,
with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the size of a pixel in a CCD is reduced as a camera is
miniaturized recently, there is an increasing demand for a light-
shielding film which is strong against the transmission of light
and which may be reduced in thickness.